

## **ASSERTION TO DECLINE ONGOING TESTS**

MIDWIFE:		LICENSE #:	
PHONE:		EMAIL:	
CLIENT #:	NAME:		PHONE:
DOB:	ADDRESS:		EMAIL:

The Midwife and the Client affirm with their signatures below, the midwife has informed the client of potential risks to both mother and child for declining a test. Understanding the potential risks, the client has declined the test(s) identified on this form.

<u>Test</u>	Risks of declining for the mother	Risks of declining for the child	<u>Date</u> <u>Declined</u>	Client Initials	Midwife Initials
Hematocrit and hemoglobin or complete blood count test (28-36 weeks gestation)	Anemia/ polycythemia, increased risk of hemorrhage	Increased potential for respiratory distress syndrome, stillbirth, and anomalies			
Vaginal-rectal swab for Group B Strep (35-37 weeks gestation)	Problematic infection	Failure to treat could lead to meningitis, respiratory distress syndrome, stillbirth, and fetal anomalies			

<u>Ultrasound</u>	Risks of declining	Risks of declining	<u>Date</u>	Client	<u>Midwife</u>
	for the mother	for the child	<b>Declined</b>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Initials</u>
To determine placental	Severe and painful	Undiagnosed/			
location & risk for	bleeding during labor/	unknown anomalies			
placenta previa/accrete	delivery	which could result in			
(recommended between		injury or demise			
18-20 weeks gestation)					
Follow-up to determine	Severe and painful	Undiagnosed/			
placental location & risk	bleeding during labor/	unknown anomalies			
for placenta	delivery	which could result in			
previa/accreta		injury or demise			
To confirm fetal	Severe and painful	Increased risk of death			
presentation & estimated	bleeding during labor/				
weight for breech	delivery				
pregnancy (36-37 weeks					
gestation)					

Client signature:	Date:
Midwife signature:	Date: